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## Amendments to the Specification:

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Please replace the section entitled "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" with the following replacement section:

## CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of the following U.S. Provisional Applications, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference, and the content of which are not necessarily identical to the content of this application:

		Y OWNED AND PREVIOUSLY FILED			
U.S. PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATIONS					
Atty. Dkt. #	Serial Number	Title	Filing Date		
501143.000005	60/288,015	Method and Apparatus for Shotgun	May 2, 2001		
		Multiplication and Exponentiation			
501143.000010	60/300,957	Method and Residue Calculation Using	June 26, 2001		
		Casting Out			
501143.000011	60/300,955	Add-Drop Layer 3 Ethernet Ring Switch	June 26, 2001		
501431.000014	60/326,266	Application Specific Information Processing	October 1, 2001		
		System			
501143.000015	60/326,252	Efficient Use of DRAM-Based Devices For	October 1, 2001		
		Small Discontiguous Memory Accesses			
501143.000016	60/326,251	Exponentiation Engine	October 1, 2001		
501143.000017	60/326,250	Method for Squaring	October 1, 2001		

The current application shares some specification and figures with the following commonly owned and concurrently filed application, which is applications, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference:

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	COMMONLY	OWNED AND CONCURRENTLY FILED	
	U.S. NONPR	OVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATIONS	
Atty. Dkt. #	Serial Number	Title	Filing Date
501143.000021	10/078,253	Controller Architecture and Strategy For	February 16, 2002
		Small Discontiguous Accesses to High-	Not Assigned
		Density Memory Devices	

The current application is a continuation-in-part of shares some specification and figures with the following commonly owned and previously filed applications, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference, and the benefit of 35 U.S.C. § 120 is claimed for these applications:

COMMONLY OWNED AND PREVIOUSLY FILED U.S. NONPROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATIONS					
Atty. Dkt. #	Serial Number	Title	Filing Date		
501143.000008	10/068,294	Ring Arithmetic Method, System, and	February 5, 2002		
	Not Assigned	Apparatus			
501143.000019	10/068,295	Application-Specific Information-	February 5, 2002		
	Not Assigned	Processing Method, System, and Apparatus			

The benefit of 35 U.S.C. § 120 is claimed for all of the above referenced commonly owned applications. The contents of the applications referenced in the tables above are not necessarily identical to the contents of this application.

All references cited hereafter are incorporated by reference to the maximum extent allowable by law. To the extent a reference may not be fully incorporated herein, it is incorporated by reference by background purposes and indicative of the knowledge of one of ordinary skill in the art.